



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Laird Broadfield, et al.

Serial No.: 09/087,388

Group Art: 3615

Filed: May 29, 1998

Title: SYSTEM AND APPARATUS FOR THE DISPENSING OF DRUGS

Attorney Docket: 1170-071

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PETITION TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.48(a)

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Applicants respectfully request permission to enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment in the instant patent application. The Amendment requested would address a correction in the inventorship of the patent application under 37 CFR § 1.48(a). The Amendment will add the names of two (2) inventors who were not initially listed as inventors of the invention being claimed. An inadvertent error in inventorship was made when this application was filed, such error was made without deceptive intent. Applicants became aware of this error on or about July, 1998 while reviewing the Filing Receipt for the instant application. The original named inventors, did not have a complete understanding of the legal definition of "inventor" at the time

of filing this application, and at that time believed they were the only inventors. Only after the Filing Receipt was received and further discussions were held was it discovered that two additional inventors should have been added.

Applicants respectfully request that Joseph M. Calabro and William Conrad be added as inventors in the instant application.

Applicants respectfully request the recommendation of the Primary Examiner and the approval of the Commissioner to enter the Preliminary Amendment to correct inventorship being filed herewith.

A Declaration and Power of Attorney document signed by all inventors is also enclosed as required by 37 CFR § 1.63.

Accompanying this Petition is a Verified Statement by Laird Broadfield, Patricia M. Lee, Paul M. Seelinger, David T. Heffron, Albert W. Dibelka, John J. Rodenrys and Robert J. Feeney, the original named inventors, setting forth when the error was discovered and how the error occurred.

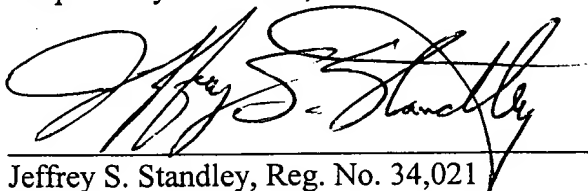
Our check in the amount of \$130.00 is enclosed to cover the prescribed fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(h).

Date:

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Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:

Applicants Broadfield et al.

Serial No.: 10/042,081¹⁰⁶

Filing Date: January 7, 2002

Entitled: SYSTEM AND APPARATUS FOR THE STORAGE AND DISPENSING OF ITEMS

Atty. Docket No.: PYX3019C1

Examiner: G. Crawford

Art Unit: 1615

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PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.181, Applicants hereby petition to have the above

application reinstated. Applicants filed the application in January of 2002. Within a two month period, Applicant received the return postcard back from the USPTO indicating the serial number and verifying the filing date. In July of 2002, Applicants submitted a Supplemental IDS form. A follow-up date of 1 year, July 2003, to check on the status of the application was entered into the undersigned's docketing system by the undersigned's Paralegal, Jennifer Warner, who handles all docketing for patent matters in our office.

I made a status call to the Examiner, Gene Crawford, about this patent application on July 15, 2003. Examiner Crawford was the Examiner in the parent application. Examiner Crawford said that the application had not yet been assigned to him and that the application remained at the Initial Patent Examination Division (IPED).

Ms. Warner contacted the IPED. This Notice to File Missing Parts was never received

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by the undersigned nor by Ms. Warner who receives all incoming correspondence from the Patent and Trademark Office and docket all due dates, pulls the patent file and gives the file to the responsible attorney, which is the undersigned for this patent application. Applicant also never received a Notice of Abandonment from the USPTO.

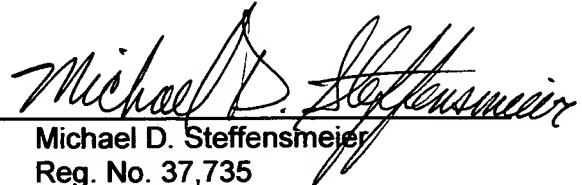
This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/087,388, filed May 29, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,116,461 and U.S. Application 09/589,552, filed June 7, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,338,007. Applicant hereby submits, contemporaneously herewith, copies of the original Oath/Declaration and supporting documentation from the parent application, U.S. Serial No. 09/087,388.

Also filed herewith is a Verified Statement of Facts from Ms. Warner which sets forth the facts surrounding this matter. A Fee Transmittal Form is also filed herewith which authorizes the Commissioner to withdraw the petition fee and any other fees associated with the above request from Applicant's Deposit Account.

Should the Office of Petitions have questions regarding the above, they are invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

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